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Dear Howard,

This letter is to you alone, no carbons to anyone. It is for two purposes, one possibly quite important. I'm deep in preparing Ph, posting corrections, which takes quite a bit of time. And there may develop a real urgency in having it ready fast, which is not to say there is a market as much as a possible other need. I hope you can understand that time pressures keep me from going into details for the present.

The important thing is the great fear I have that Cyril's planned effort to get the pictures and X-rays, whether or not he gets them, can backfire very seriously. Please take me on faith on this, if you haven't thought it through, and please let me know whatever you know about it. Despite the relationship between us, he has yet to let me know, as others, some including the most irresponsible of us, have. I have written him a long letter about it. Distasteful as I find the role of fireman, if, when it becomes necessary, I must be, I need water. Please pur fast.

The second is much easier. When you have time, and with your school address, I'd like you to write the USIA and tell them you are making a study of foreign interest in the political assassinations in this country, especially in foreign reactions to books. Ask for the books made available and, if they have any way of knowing, which were most popular and, if they have statistics, which were and are where. I.e., Europe, Asia, Africa, J.F.K., R.F.K., King, etc.

Lil has completed the typing of the last part of Ph. I've completed my reading and correcting of the first two parts. As soon as I catch up with her corrections, which I'm posting as fast as I can, I'll go over the suggestions for the first two parts and pick them up. I wanted to reread all first, which would make this more comprehensible to me. I'm restricting availability of xeroxes more severely for reasons I've no time for. I hope to be able to make them this coming week.

I've taken the last part of what was III to use as the nucleus of new, overall conclusions. I've not finished the intro. It remains what you saw. Prior to doing that and after I go over those suggestions you segregated for me, I'll be adding to the last chapter on the panel or an epilogue or short separate chapter my own correspondence with them, perhaps a bit of that of others if it seems to help and be necessary. Except for what you've seen, there is no ref to that 6.5 fmag. I've not yet heard from Dick about the dust-pattern in the report. I wont pick up even the brevity I would without his okay. To me one of the more important things to be added is the new conflagration, by Fisher.

Best,